

Community Connection

CHULA VISTA



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Firefighter is Olympic Coach

The Chula Vista Fire Department will be closely watching the Olympic Games this summer. Especially since one of their own is coaching. USA Canoe/Kayak has named two-time U.S. Olympic kayaker Stein Jorgensen the 2012 U.S. Olympic Sprint Team coach. This will be Jorgensen's first time coaching at the Olympic level. In London, Jorgensen will oversee sprint kayakers Carrie Johnson and Tim Hornsby.

In his late 20s, Jorgensen began paddling and met two U.S. Olympic kayakers who won gold metals at the 1988 Olympic Games. He decided he could make the Olympics if he put his mind to it; seven years later, in 1995, he won the World Championships in 200m kayak doubles. He also participated in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.

After the Olympics, Jorgensen wanted to stay connected to his sport. He met Hornsby in 2004 and coached him extensively in 2008 for the Olympics. He met Johnson when she was a young paddler with the San Diego Junior Lifeguard program. He works with the athletes at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. When he's not coaching, Jorgensen works full-time as a firefighter with the Chula Vista Fire Department.

Asked about the transition from paddling to fighting fires, Jorgensen said, "It certainly helped me get the job. It's a very competitive field. There were 2,000 people going for five or six jobs when I applied. The teamwork of the fire service – training together, running calls, being in close quarters and trying to help each other out – is very similar to being part of a team. We are like brothers because we are around each other

more than we are our own families. Just being in that environment, being an athlete for so many years, being around the team, it's just very, very similar. You try to help each other do whatever task needs to be done."

So while you are chanting, "USA! USA!" remember the kayakers and their coach are representing our hometown!



Did You Know?

- Applications are now available for low income, elderly and/or disabled homeowners for the annual **Christmas in October** home revitalization program. Eight homes will be repaired and applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. **The deadline to apply is September 1 for the October 13 event.** Call Emerald Randolph at (619) 691-5213 or stop by Fire Administration at 276 Fourth Ave. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. for an application. Citizens or businesses wishing to volunteer may call the same number for information. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

- Chula Vista residents and small businesses can now earn utility bill credits when they help conserve electricity on hot summer days! The new **SDG&E® "Reduce Your Use" reward program** will offer 75 cents per kilowatt hour reduced from **11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on specific high demand days.** Customers can set up email or text alerts by visiting sdge.com/reduceuse, so that they can be notified the day before a Reduce Your Use day occurs to plan ahead and take steps to save the most energy and maximize their reward. Customers can also log into My Account at sdge.com on Reduce Your Use days to view their conservation goal and the amount of energy they saved during the Reduce Your Use day.

Upcoming Events

National Night Out Promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships by coming to "National Night Out" hosted by the Chula Vista Police Department. On **Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m.** Chula Vista Police officers want to meet you! Tour the police department, pick up free ID kits, enjoy free refreshments, meet police K9s and much more! Chula Vista police headquarters is located at 315 Fourth Avenue. For more information, please call (619) 409-3898.

South Bayfront Powwow Celebrate Native American heritage at the first South Bayfront Powwow on **Aug. 11 (10 a.m. - 10 p.m.) and Aug. 12 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)** in Bayside Park. This free community event welcomes all to join in traditional dancing, singing, and drumming as a way to renew and preserve the Native American culture. Food, arts and community booths will also be part of the festivities. Sponsored by the San Diego Unified Port District, Chula Vista Marina and RV Park, and South Bayfront Artists.

Lemon Festival Squeeze a day of fun into your summer by attending the Lemon Festival on Sunday, **Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** The event celebrates Chula Vista's heritage as the once-proclaimed "Lemon Capital of the World." Join the free fun on Third Ave. from E to Center Streets with live entertainment, a beer garden, a kids' fun zone, carnival rides, food and more. Sponsored by the Third Avenue Village Association, (619) 422-1982.

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Purchasing 691-5141
Business Lic. Online [CLICK HERE](#)

Fire
Emergency 911
Main Line 691-5055
Prevention Division 691-5029
Prevention Online [CLICK HERE](#)

Human Resources
Main Line 691-5096
Job Hotline 691-5095
Volunteering 691-5000

Library
Civic Center Branch 691-5069
South Branch 585-5755
Otay Ranch Branch 397-5740
Volunteering 691-5000
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Mayor & City Council 691-5044

Nature Center 409-5900
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Police
Emergency 911
Report Crime/Dispatch 691-5151
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Public Works
Conservation Division 409-3893
CLEAN Business Program 691-5122
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Environmental Services 691-5122
Engineering 691-5021
Graffiti Hotline 691-5198
Graffiti IN PROGRESS 911
Household Hazard. Waste 691-5122
Park Reservations Online [CLICK HERE](#)
Storm Water Hotline 397-6000
Recycling/Solid Waste 691-5122
Service Requests 397-6000
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Transit 233-3004

Recreation
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Heritage Center 421-7032
Loma Verde Center 691-5082
Loma Verde Pool 691-5081
Monteville Center 691-5269
Norman Park Center 691-5086
Otay Center 476-5325
Parkway Center 691-5083
Parkway Pool 691-5088
Parkway Gym 691-5084
Salt Creek Center 585-5739
Veterans Center 691-5260